

BURNS TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING, September 7, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance

Present at Roll Call were: Adams, Cole, Granger, Mitchell and Ritter. Absent, None.

Ritter moved, Adams seconded approval of the agenda as printed. Carried.

Adams moved, Ritter seconded approval of the Minutes of the August 2, 2010 regular meeting. Carried.

Treasurer Ritter gave the financial report.

Fire Chief Musall reported there was 1 run, a Mutual Aid to Gaines at VanVleet Rd. and Grand Blanc Rd.

Fire Officers and Chief met with Howell Fire Chief and Fire Marshal prompted by the fact that our department was not called to assist at a barn fire on Lovejoy Rd. Outcome was that Burns is updating Mutual Aid maps and a reciprocating Mutual Aid with road boundaries will soon be established.

Our Department attended the Shiawassee County Fair with no issues.

Bryan Lacy attended the National Fire Academy and was impressed with the classes and instructors. This class was paid for by Shiawassee County Mutual Aid Association.

We are now preparing for Fire Prevention Week and visits to the Byron Schools.

Firefighter Academy will be held at the Owosso Township Fire Hall this year.

Fall Fire Class in Roscommon will be held November 5-7, 2010. We have interest in classes, Hybrid Vehicle, designs and hazards, tanker shuttle and pump operations. Request is for 4 firefighters to attend at \$230.00 each for a total of \$920.00

Mitchell moved, Ritter seconded to allow 4 from our department to attend Fire School at Roscommon, November 5-7, at a cost of \$920.00. Roll Call: Ayes, Adams, Granger, Ritter, Cole and Mitchell. Nays, None. Carried.

Chief Musall is requesting the following equipment purchases as per budget:

1. Extrication equipment (JAWS). Has lighter power units and new cutters will cut through the new steel in vehicles. Will assist with our day-time manpower and places we have to go to do extrication.

Mitchell moved, Granger seconded approval to purchase combination tool with a mini-mate power unit at a cost of \$12,000. Roll Call: Ayes, Granger, Mitchell, Ritter, Cole and Adams. Nays; None. Carried.

2. Request approval to purchase one Rescue Jack Kit. Cole moved, Ritter seconded to purchase One Rescue Jack Kit at a cost of \$4,000.00. Roll Call; Ayes; Cole, Ritter, Adams, Granger and Mitchell. Nays, None. Carried.

3. Request to purchase one MSA multi gas detector. In March 2003 the department was donated a Carbon Monoxide detector which is over 7 years old and needs replacement.

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Granger moved, Adams seconded approval to purchase one MSA multi gas detector at a cost of \$950.00. Roll Call: Ayes, Granger, Mitchell, Ritter, Cole and Adams. Nays, None. Carried.

We purchased the Thermal Imaging Camera, July 2001 for \$17,000. This unit has assisted on all our structure fires, missing kids, a car in the water. Technology and size have improved and a second camera on many of our fire grounds would be an asset.

Request approval to purchase one MSA Evolution 5200 HD with truck mount charger at a cost of \$10,000.

Mitchell moved, Ritter seconded the purchase of one MSA Evolution 5200 HD with truck mount charger, at a cost of \$10,000. Roll Call: Ayes, Ritter, Cole, Adams, Granger and Mitchell. Nays, None. Carried.

These purchases will be paid for from the Fire Equipment and Apparatus Fund.

A short discussion about the heating system in the fire barn was held. Maurer has submitted a bid and the Chief will solicit more bids. Our problem is the radiant heat affecting the paint and fire hose as our trucks are too big and too close to the heat. The system is over 25 years old. It is probable that our water heater needs replacing according to our maintenance person.

Gerry Terry CPA from Demis & Wenzlick, was present to present the 2009-2010 Audit. Our Funds are in excellent condition and we have been given an unqualified or "clean" opinion which is the best available.

Mitchell moved, Adams seconded to approve the 2009-10 Burns Township Audit. Roll Call: Ayes, Granger, Ritter, Cole, Adams and Mitchell. Nays, None. Carried.

Under Public Comment, Arlene Witkop, a volunteer at the monthly Recycling, discussed the recycling issues. The gondola is usually filled before the Saturday schedule begins. Residents come with their materials as soon as the gondola is delivered on Thursday. The supervisor is trying to find a resolution to the problem.

A Special Use Permit application from Gerald Atkinson regarding establishing a campground where the gravel pit at Bath and Reed roads is located, has been received by Shiawassee County Zoning Department.

Our township planning commission and board must meet and deliberate and give their recommendations. It is felt that our planning commission will need assistance and Douglas Piggott from Rowe, Inc. was recommended. He assisted our planners when our Land Use Plan was written.

Mitchell moved, Granger seconded to contact Douglas Piggott from Rowe Inc. to have him assist our township planning commission at the public meeting regarding this issue.

Roll Call: Ayes, Adams, Granger, Mitchell, Ritter and Cole. Carried.

The Primary Election, August 3, 2010 was discussed and election results were handed out. The clerk feels the November 2nd General Election will have a large turnout. Our elections are becoming more complicated and will continue doing so with constant changes in the law and more high tech uses. It is harder and more complicated for the election inspectors and requires more training and more personnel on hand.

The Board questioned how many election inspectors were available for our elections. What kind of training was necessary and who administered the training. There was a question as to the availability of person's who could or would serve as the chairman, especially in the event that a present clerk was on the ballot and could not actively work on the election floor.

At this time, there is only one election inspector who has shown any interest in becoming a chairman. Most other's do not want the responsibility that comes with the position. At the last Village Council Meeting, the Council voted to turn over their Village elections to the Township thereby taking that expense from them. In doing so, the Village terms were extended 14 months.

There is concern by the Board that both Shirley Mack who has worked elections and also served as Chairman, and the present township clerk may retire or become ill and that the clerk needs to actively get one or two others trained so we will be ready for any emergency.

With that in mind, Mitchell moved, Cole seconded that the Clerk have 2 person's trained in the Chairman's position as soon as possible. Carried.

The Board did wish to say that they were grateful for the many years that Mrs. Mack has worked and chaired elections and all those inspectors who give the many hours on election day. But that we have to be ready for any emergency.

Granger moved, Ritter seconded to amend the Fine Fund Equipment Testing Budget, and increase it from \$1,500. to \$2,700. Roll Call: Ayes, Adams, Granger, Mitchell, Ritter and Cole. Nays, None. Carried.

Ritter moved, Adams seconded to pay the bills. Roll Call; Ayes, Granger, Mitchell, Ritter, Cole and Adams. Nays, None. Carried.

Granger moved, Adams seconded to allow the Clerk and Supervisor sign the L-4029 Tax Form for the 2010 Tax Rate Request. Roll Call; Ayes, Granger, Adams, Cole, Ritter and Mitchell. Nays, None. Carried.

The supervisor gave a report on roads and drains.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

DATED _____ APPROVED _____

CLERK Sharon Granger